GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a)whether farmers are forced to sell their foodgrains at cheaper rates for want of sufficient procurement centres;

(b)if so, the steps taken by the Government during the last two years for opening such centres near the area of production or the market places; and

(c)the State-wise details of the outcome of such measures taken during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a):No, Sir.

(b):State Government and Food Corporation of India open sufficient number of procurement centres near the area of production and market places, based on requirements.

(c):Purchase centres operated by the Food Corporation of India and State Government and its agencies during the last two years for Kharif and Rabi Marketing Seasons is at Annexure I & II.